

Mission: To provide the highest quality water at the most affordable price for current customers and to provide for the expansion of the District as growth occurs.

Greetings & Salutations!

<u>Watering Restrictions:</u> There are no watering restrictions in effect for our Water District. If you have automatic sprinklers, please consider setting them to operate during non-peak electrical usage hours. Non-peak hours generally run from sundown to sunrise. This will enable the District to save money on our electrical bill and will also ensure less evaporation of the water.

Water Rates: As we move into the irrigation season and increase our water consumption, I want to remind everyone what the current rates are so that you won't be surprised when you open your bill. We have a monthly service charge of \$40 per home and charge \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons of water on the first 40,000 gallons of water that you use and then the rate increases to \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons after 40,000 gallons.

Meter Reading: The monthly meter readings are performed on the 5th of each month for all neighborhoods.

<u>Communication</u>: Interested in knowing what is happening with your Water District? Have you had the chance to visit our website yet? Check us out at http://www.colorado.gov/greatrocknorthwsd.

You can join us on Facebook by searching for Greatrock North Water and Sanitation District and "Like" our page. For Twitter, search for the name of the District as well, we show up as @Greatrock_North and you can follow us there. We will use these sites to post updates, neighborhood events and water outages.

<u>WATER QUALITY:</u> The Board continues to monitor water quality so if you feel your quality is not what it should be, let us know by calling 303-987-0835. We have increased the production levels from our RO plant and have seen a corresponding drop in the TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) in the water being delivered to your homes. On the back of this newsletter you'll see the current TDS and Hardness qualities of our water. Although these numbers may seem high, they do not pose a health concern. It's a matter of the geography of where we live. If you have any questions about our water quality, send me an email or come to our next meeting and we'll be happy to answer your questions.

Expenses: Each month the District has to pay the bills. We all know that water comes at some cost. Since each month's expenses are different, I thought I would share each month just how much we, as a District, pay to keep us all in water, the bottom line.

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Resources: So you've seen in this newsletter that we have hard water and hard water leaves a lot of spots on your dishes. A friend recommended that I try a product called Lemi Shine in my dishwasher and I can report that I am pleased with the results, especially on my glass items. If you come across products or tips that work well with our hard water, let me know so that I can share the news with the rest of our homeowners.

Colorado State University operates an Adams County extension at the ADCO fairgrounds that offers tree and bush saplings at very affordable prices every spring. I've purchased from them for the past two years and have had some success with my plantings. Jenifer Tucker is the Small Acreage Coordinator there and is available at no cost to advise you on what is best to plant in our area. They also have a section on weed control that is very informative.

http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/Adams/smallacre.htm will take you to their website.

Come to our meeting: Our next Board meeting will be on July 1st at the United Power Building. One thing to note is the door locks at 5:30pm. If you drop by after 5:30pm, to the right of the doors are some windows. We keep the blinds open and keep an eye out for those who are a little late in arrival. Hope to see you all at our next meeting!!

Regards.

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